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adriennefriend 1h

was your post in the forum, here?

MeltedMottle 1h

This post was flagged by the community and is temporarily hidden.

paul_dennehy 1h

paul_dennehy ...

Is this about the generative AI grant that iNat received from Google? If so it feels like it's been pretty well discussed elsewhere on the forum and the blog to the point where the comments are just repeating themselves now.

iNat got a $1.5 million grant from Google to develop an AI to sort through all the millions of comments about identification throughout the website and generate summaries of the best ID pointers to provide alongside the CV suggestions to give users more context about identifications.

On one side, some people are generally opposed to all things "big tech" and distrustful of Google, dislike the increased use of AI due to its environmental impacts, and worry that somehow this project will result in Google obtaining their data.

On the other side, some people support this use of AI to essentially curate the human-generated information on iNat and make it more accessible, and point to the fact that Google itself is not being given any user data as part of this process.

I don't know that there's much to say that hasn't been said in the past 2 months, unless I missed some new announcement more recently.

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gcwarbler 10m

Your previous post was flagged by the community not because you disagree with the relationship of iNat and Google, but because of its aggressive and offensive tone. This is a welcoming community; you can choose to disagree without being disagreeable.

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